



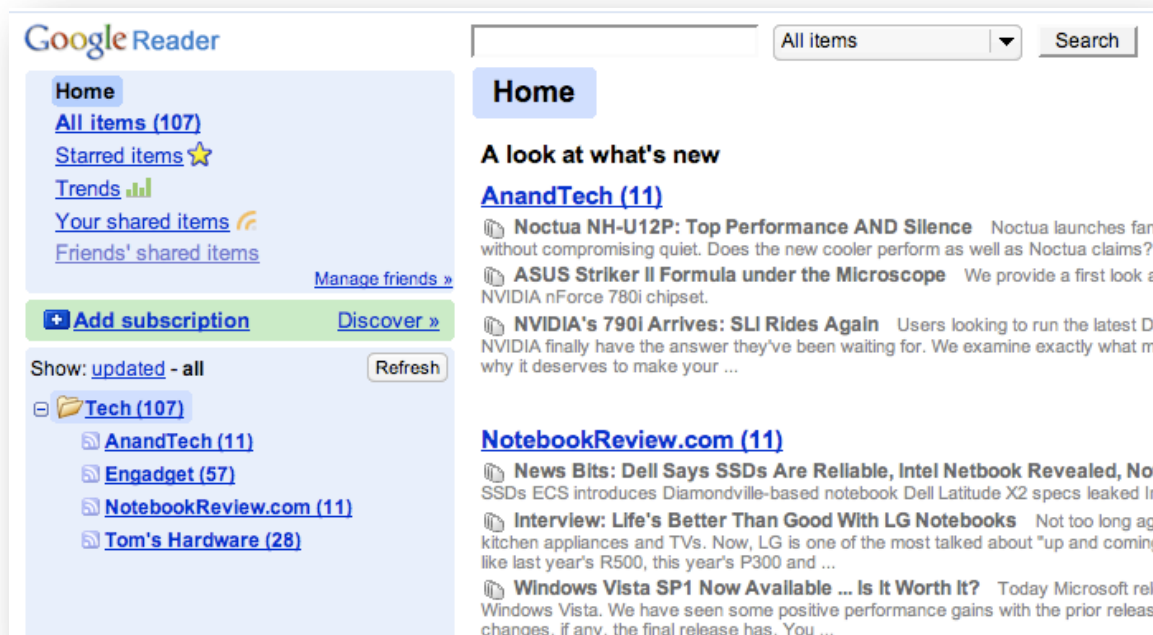
# Google Reader

Do you always find yourself visiting your favorite websites everyday to check out the latest news or story? Wish you could travel to just one site to get all that information? If you answered yes to either of these two questions than an RSS reader might be exactly what you need.

RSS stands for really simple syndication. The idea is simple, a website or program collects all the new information from your favorite websites and deposits it in one place for you to read and retrieve at any time. Google Reader is one of those sites.

All you need is a computer with an Internet connection and the RSS feed addresses for your favorite websites.

Here is the main page of Google Reader:




Your news items are broken down into several categories: All Items, Starred Items, Trends, and Your Shared Items. Clicking **All Items** will display all your news items in the viewing pane. Selecting **Starred Items** will highlight any stories that you starred. **Trends** shows you your trends: how many items you have read, starred, or emailed.

The screenshot shows the Google Reader homepage. On the left, a blue sidebar contains links: Home, All items (107), Starred items (with a star icon), Trends (with a bar chart icon), Your shared items (with a person icon), and Friends' shared items. Below these is a green bar with '+ Add subscription' and 'Discover'. Underneath, it says 'Show: updated - all' and has a 'Refresh' button. A folder icon labeled 'Tech (107)' is expanded, showing a list of subscriptions: AnandTech (11), Engadget (57), NotebookReview.com (11), and Tom's Hardware (28). Three callout boxes with arrows point to specific elements: 'Your News Articles' points to the 'Home' link; 'Add Subscription' points to the '+ Add subscription' button; and 'Your Subscriptions' points to the 'Engadget (57)' entry in the list.

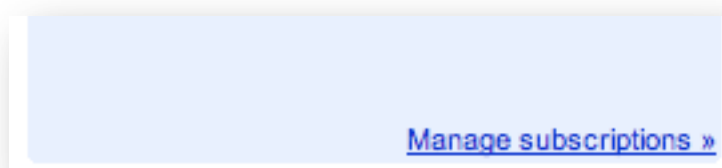
## Adding a New Subscription

A green dialog box titled '+ Add subscription' with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains the text 'Enter a search term to find feeds or paste a feed url.' followed by a text input field. Below the input field is an 'Add' button. At the bottom, it provides an example: 'e.g., googleblog.blogspot.com or cnn'.

There are two different ways that you can add a new subscription. You can click the **Add Subscription** link and type in a website's feed address. Your other option is to click the link for Google Reader on the website's RSS feed page.

Look for this button  to add a feed for your favorite website.

To organize your RSS feeds and rename them, click the **Manage Subscriptions** button at the bottom of the blue options pane:



**Settings** [« Back to Google Reader](#)

[Preferences](#) [Subscriptions](#) [Tags](#) [Goodies](#) [Import/Export](#) [Friends](#)

Select: [All 4 subscriptions](#), [None](#), [Unassigned](#) [More actions...](#) [Unsubscribe](#)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>AnandTech</b> <a href="http://www.anandtech.com/rss/articlefeed.aspx">http://www.anandtech.com/rss/articlefeed.aspx</a>	<a href="#">Rename</a>		<a href="#">Change folders...</a> Tech
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Use the drop down menu to move a RSS feed to another folder or to create a new folder.

Rename your feeds

Unsubscribe from a feed